

Town Council Meeting: 09 July 2007



Town of Garrett Park
PO Box 84
4600 Waverly Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Shawaker called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Present were Councilmembers Berry, Hansen, Irons, and Mandel. Also present was Administrator Pratt, Patrick Dunne of the *Gazette*, and a number of Town residents.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Shawaker noted the addition of Pepco street light rates to the action/discussion portion of the agenda.

Councilmember Irons **Moved**

That the posted agenda be accepted with the additional item from the Mayor. Councilmember Mandel seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

Demolition Permit Hearing: 061307-DM01: 11306 Rokeby Avenue - Antoz - Mayor Shawaker called the hearing to order at 8:05 PM. Councilmember Irons reported that the Historic Preservation Committee had met on Monday, July 2nd, at 7:00PM in the Town Office and found no reason for denying or conditioning the application. There was extended discussion about the demolition ordinance permit process and the ordinance itself.

Councilmember Hansen **MOVED**

That the hearing be continued until the September meeting. There was no second.

Councilmember Mandel **MOVED**

That the demolition permit for 11306 Rokeby Avenue be granted with the condition that the Town may take photographs of the interior and exterior of the home before it is demolished. Councilmember Irons seconded the motion, which **PASSED** with Councilmembers Berry, Irons, and Mandel voting 'Aye,' and Councilmember Hansen voting 'Nay.'

Committee Reports:

- Councilmember Irons reported on the Historic Preservation Committee meeting held on July 2nd. The Committee is looking into ways to reach out to Town residents, educating them on the historic resources within the Town.

Approved at the 10 September 2007 Council Meeting

The committee is also developing content for its section on the new Town website.

- Councilmember Berry announced that the Parks & Open Space Committee would be meeting in Cambria Park, weather permitting, on Thursday evening, July 12th, at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to review and refine the draft of proposed improvements to Cambria Park, including a new sidewalk from Strathmore Avenue to the swimming pool. Councilmember Berry indicated that the committee wanted to move forward with the development of designs and bid documents with the Town's consulting engineers, VIEW Engineering, once the scope of work for the project was finalized, and this would result in spending \$5,000 - \$10,000 from the Cambria Park improvements capital appropriation.
- Councilmember Mandel reported that he had met with Harry Gordon and Bob Reinhardt and had carefully gone through Penn Place with them, noting problem areas. It was their intent to develop a building maintenance program that could be put into place by Town staff.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Shawaker announced that Jose Diaz had joined the Town's maintenance staff.
- Mayor Shawaker reported that the old overhead streetlights along Strathmore Avenue had been removed.
- Mayor Shawaker and Councilmember Irons reported on their attendance at the Maryland Municipal League's Annual Conference in Ocean City, MD.

Approval of Minutes:

- 05/14/2007 Regular Council Meeting: Councilmember Irons **MOVED**
That the minutes of the 05/14/2007 Council meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Berry and **PASSED** unanimously.
- 06/11/2007 Regular Council Meeting: Councilmember Irons **MOVED**
That the minutes of the 06/11/2007 Council meeting be approved as distributed. Councilmember Mandel seconded the motion.
Councilmember Berry **MOVED**
To amend the minutes by adding detailed Councilmember reports. Councilmember Mandel seconded the motion to amend and after discussion the motion **FAILED** with Councilmembers Berry and Mandel voting 'Aye,' and Councilmembers Hansen and Irons voting 'Nay.'" Mayor Shawaker declined to cast a tie-breaking vote.
Councilmember Berry **MOVED**
To amend the minutes by adding language he distributed to the Council. Councilmember Mandel seconded the motion, which after

discussion was **NOT PASSED**, with Councilmember Berry voting 'Aye' and Councilmembers Hansen, Irons, and Mandel voting 'Nay.'

Mayor Shawaker called for the vote on the main motion which **PASSED** with Councilmembers Hansen, Irons, and Mandel voting 'Aye,' and Councilmember Berry voting 'Nay.'

Action/Discussion:

- Town Charter - Section 78-8. The rights of residents to speak at Council meetings - Councilmember Berry referred the Council to the Town Charter. There was discussion. No action was taken.
- Penn Place Parking Decision-making Process - Councilmember Mandel asked the Council to reconsider the process for deciding what plan to adopt for the Penn Place parking on Rokeby Avenue. Mayor Shawaker noted that the Council was acting as a Committee of the Whole in this matter since the advisory committee had submitted its report and had been retired.
Councilmember Mandel **MOVED**
That the Councilmembers with responsibility for Penn Place, himself, and streets, Councilmember Wegner, be charged with coordinating activities regarding Penn Place parking from now on. The motion **FAILED** for lack of a second.
- Penn Place Parking Lot Upgrades - Introduction of Concept Plan "C" - Councilmember Berry presented a new plan for the layout of Penn Place parking on Rokeby Avenue. There was extended discussion. No action was taken

Town Administrator Report:

- Monthly Financial Report - Administrator Pratt reported to the Council that because the books had not yet been closed on FY 2007 the June report was not finalized, but that he expected all accounts to be within the budget limits.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

[TOWN SEAL]

Edwin Pratt, Jr., Clerk-Treasurer